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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT : Annual Average Pay of USSR Servicemen  
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REFERENCE : Your [REDACTED] of 24 July 1957

1. It is easy to understand your interest in the detailed structure of the Soviet service organizations by rank and number, and the pertinent rank and position pay. As a matter of fact we anticipated your query and answered it, substantially, in the first sentence of our memorandum of 24 July 1957, viz., "The different approach employed makes it difficult to provide any detailed comparison (i.e., structure by rank, etc.) ... at this time".

2. I could spend a lot of space giving you a blow-by-blow account of what we did but the essence of it would be that we priced units rather than a "pyramid". The most compelling reason for this approach was the rather significant spread in position pays available to a given rank. Or simply, position is a function of position and not related directly to rank.

3. Time has not as yet permitted us to recast these basic calculations into a "pyramid" such as you request. All we have done so far is run some crude checks to ascertain in a general way, the relative influence of "mix" and scale on the difference between our work and other studies.

4. The upshot is that we have no summaries tabulated the way you would like to have them. However, we are currently at work on a revision of our preliminary estimate and have every hope that we will be able to present you with the results in the requisite form around the first of the year. I trust that you can conveniently await its advent.

5. Both Frank and I and everyone else send our personal regards.

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